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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH
SUBJECT; HEARING FOR MUZOREWA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: USUN 826 (NOTAL)

1. AFRICAN GROUP MAR 9 REVERSED EARLIER DECISION ON
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SC HEARING FOR MUZOREWA, DECIDING TO OPPOSE SUCH A HEAR-
ING UNLESS MUZOREWA DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT.

2. VENEZUELA AND BOLIVIA REMAIN ONLY SC MEMBERS BESIDES
WESTERN FIVE WHO MAY SUPPORT HEARING FOR MUZOREWA IN FACE
OF AFRICAN OPPOSITION AND EVEN THEY ARE SHAKY. ALTHOUGH

BRITISH RECEIVED WORD THAT INDIAN PM BELIEVED MUZOREWA SHOULD BE HEARD AND WAS INSTRUCTING AMB JAIPAL TO THAT EFFECT, JAIPAL WENT ON RECORD IN SC MAR 9 (SEPT) AS BEING UNABLE TO SUPPORT APPEARANCE IN COUNCIL OF ANYONE WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO DEFEND WHAT AMOUNTS TO PROLONGATION OF ILLEGAL REGIME IN RHODESIA. REVERSAL OF SUCH PUBLIC STAND IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

3. FRENCH NOW SAY THEY ARE PREPARED TO JOIN IN SIGNING LETTER REQUESTING HEARING, IF LETTER IS NECESSARY. CANADA IS STILL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. GERMANY IS MOST RELUCTANT TO JOIN BUT SAYS POSITION "RESERVED" FOR MOMENT; THEY ARE PRESUMABLY SUBJECT TO PERSUASION.

4. MUZOREWA HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL REQUEST TO SPEAK AND, ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD DEFEND HIS RIGHT TO SPEAK SHOULD HE SO REQUEST, WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE OR THE BRITISH SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIM TO DO SO. SHOULD MUZOREWA REQUEST A HEARING, WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE PROBABLE SITUATION IN THE COUNCIL, OF OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS RIGHT TO SPEAK, AND THAT WE BELIEVE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR HIM TO ADDRESS A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SC. THE LETTER PROCEDURE WOULD ENABLE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AUTOMATICALLY TO PUT QUESTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AT LEAST IN INFORMAL SESSION. SHOULD A LETTER FROM SC MEMBER STILL BE NECESSARY, WE, THE UK AND

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PERHAPS OTHERS MIGHT FORMALLY PUT REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL AND THUS FORCE A RECORDED VOTE IN REGULAR SESSION.
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